

at a time too when his mangled remains were still there ! A guilty man is a coward before the world and to avoid detection will resort to any deception to mislead the officers of justice. But the accused is made to pursue a singularly opposite course. He is made to adopt ~~not~~ only a system of multiplying the evidence against himself, but a slow process of concealment, or rather of destruction, & all within his own premises, - the very spot of all others that the guilty man would avoid. He cuts up the remains into parts. Some parts he places under his room ; Some parts he packs in an open box, & gives the box a place within the limits of the room itself, - and other he is made to subject to the blast of his small furnace ! He is made to employ men to bring faggots, to make singular boxes. He is made to give new orders with respect to entering his room, to buy hooks & lines, to build hot fires, & to work in his room at unusual hours, & many other things so grossly inconsistent with a state of guilt, that they prove nothing so much as his entire innocence. Nothing but a studied design on the part of the accused to multiply & concentrate evidence against himself - would account for conduct so strange, - unless we are prepared to prove him insane or desperately stupid. Tried by the standard of common sense, the whole evidence is grossly unnatural in outline & ridiculous in its variety. By proving too much it literally proves nothing. It is clearly a case of most infernal conspiracy.

[Of course I can refer to nothing in the above paragraph but to rumors].